

Claims

1. An operating means for a cruise control in vehicles, comprising a touch-
5 sensitive control panel with at least one alphanumeric input field onto which at
least one digit can be entered by tracing, a digit thus entered being transmitted as a
setpoint value to the cruise control by a setting function.

2. The operating means according to Claim 1, wherein the setting function is
activated by tapping a control field.

10 3. The operating means according to Claim 2, wherein the control field is
contained within the alphanumeric input field.

4. The operating means according to Claim 1, wherein the setting function
comprises a reading function that interprets symbols that have been entered with a
fingertip by roughly tracing the digit onto the alphanumeric input field and that
15 only accepts plausible alphanumeric symbols.

5. The operating means according to Claim 1, wherein the alphanumeric
input field is divided into a plurality of zones, whereby at least one digit can be
entered into each of the zones.

6. The operating means according to Claim 1, wherein the alphanumeric
20 input field is surrounded by a plurality of control fields that can be haptically
distinguished from each other, each of which is associated with a control function.